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Almart Electrical Construction, Inc.
6319 7th Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22312

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Attention: Mr. Albert Brand, President

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your claim for property damage resulting from an accident on or about September 20, 1979, in Washington, D.C., involving Mr. Derry W. McNeil, an employee of the United States General Accounting Office.

You state that your truck was parked on the H Street Ramp (Ramp "C") at the General Accounting Office Building and was struck by a car driven by Mr. McNeil, leaving the left front bumper of your truck pulled out of place.

Our examination of the evidence on record in this case indicates that you are entitled to the amount of \$125.90, the lesser of the two estimates you submitted. A check in that amount will be issued and mailed to you shortly.

Please be advised that section 2672 of title 28, United States Code, which authorizes the settlement of claims of the type here involved, provides:

"The acceptance by the claimant of any such award, compromise, or settlement shall be final and conclusive on the claimant, and shall constitute a complete release of any claim against the United States and against the employee of the government whose act or omission gave rise to the claim, by reason of the same subject matter."

Therefore, acceptance of the check in the amount of \$125.90 will constitute a complete release to the Government and to Mr. Derry W. McNeil from any further liability to you for damages arising from this accident.

Sincerely yours,

Harry R. Van Cleve

For Milton J. Socolar
General Counsel



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